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After considering Guatemala's apparent rejection proposal fact finding committee be sent to Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, Inter-American Peace Committee on June 26 addressed new communication to Guatemala: (1) relating facts of that government's approach to PC as well as consequent Honduran and Nicaraguan requests; (2) emphasizing complete propriety its action in the matter; and (3) indicating that Guatemala might not (rpt now) wish to utilize Committee's services (referring by implication to UNSC decision of June 25).

This communication received immediate Guatemalan response. Although response linked PC action with UNSC, it indicated that Guatemala was prepared to make available to PC QUOTE all facilities within its power, and assistance and information which it can provide for the better carrying out of its mission UNQUOTE.

On June 27 PC replied Guatemalan government indicating its intention proceed to Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua in that order,

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UNP with Mr Taylor in substance

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order, in view Guatemalan government's willingness to receive it. However reply clearly indicates that IAPC is acting as QUOTE agency American regional system UNQUOTE and that its action is taken independently, under its exclusive authority and on its own responsibility. This in effect rejects implication in Guatemalan note that IAPC has ~~any~~ responsibility to UNSC beyond furnishing information in accordance with its own statutes and the UN Charter. Committee also informing Honduras and Nicaragua of above and indicating schedule for visiting all three countries, beginning June 29 in Guatemala with approximately three days in each capital. Copies pertinent documents being sent by Committee to ~~USUN~~ UN for information.

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